

Table 110.—Students with disabilities exiting the educational system, by age, type of disability, and basis of exit: United States and outlying areas, 1997–98 and 1998–99

Student characteristics	Number						Percent					
	Graduated with diploma		Graduated with certificate		Reached maximum age		Graduated with diploma		Graduated with certificate		Reached maximum age	
	1997–98	1998–99	1997–98	1998–99	1997–98	1998–99	1997–98	1998–99	1997–98	1998–99	1997–98	1998–99
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Age group												
14 to 21 (and over)	147,942	147,081	29,909	29,110	4,607	4,853	28.4	29.1	5.7	5.8	0.9	1.0
14	73	46	82	52	0	0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
15	60	49	52	52	3	1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
16	686	526	152	161	6	5	1.0	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
17	25,504	25,545	3,088	3,230	19	42	27.0	27.5	3.3	3.5	0.0	0.0
18	66,310	68,497	11,397	11,628	166	244	52.9	54.4	9.1	9.2	0.1	0.2
19	40,973	40,092	8,464	8,318	119	109	59.6	60.2	12.3	12.5	0.2	0.2
20	9,321	8,037	3,630	2,887	527	761	46.5	45.9	18.1	16.5	2.6	1.4
21 (and over)	5,015	4,289	3,044	2,782	3,767	3,691	33.6	31.0	20.4	20.1	25.2	26.7
Type of disability for 14- to 21-year-olds and over												
All disabilities	147,942	147,081	29,909	29,110	4,607	4,853	28.4	29.1	5.7	5.6	0.9	1.0
Specific learning disabilities	100,138	99,306	13,692	13,636	763	1,025	33.1	33.5	4.5	4.6	0.3	0.3
Mental retardation	15,292	15,799	10,538	10,261	2,210	2,231	24.8	26.1	17.1	17.0	3.6	3.7
Serious emotional disturbance	14,031	13,641	2,180	1,870	407	403	15.6	16.2	2.4	2.2	0.5	0.5
Speech or language impairments	4,137	4,214	525	493	73	103	17.5	19.7	2.2	2.3	0.3	0.5
Multiple disabilities	2,061	1,993	937	795	664	555	26.8	27.0	12.2	10.8	8.6	7.5
Other health impairments	5,102	5,357	542	624	64	90	30.5	27.6	3.2	3.2	0.4	0.5
Hearing impairments	2,774	2,554	545	543	68	55	43.3	43.5	8.5	9.2	1.1	0.9
Orthopedic impairments	2,051	1,797	361	384	125	164	35.7	35.6	6.3	7.6	2.2	3.2
Visual impairments	1,166	1,163	171	142	42	37	46.8	50.2	6.9	6.1	1.7	1.6
Autism	384	418	268	235	139	139	25.8	27.2	18.0	15.3	9.3	9.0
Deaf-blindness	132	49	18	17	17	11	55.7	34.3	7.6	11.9	7.2	7.7
Traumatic brain injury	674	790	132	110	35	40	42.3	43.3	8.3	6.0	2.2	2.2

NOTE: Reached maximum age figures reflect an estimate of those who were actually known to have dropped out and do not include youth who simply stopped coming to school or whose status was unknown.

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